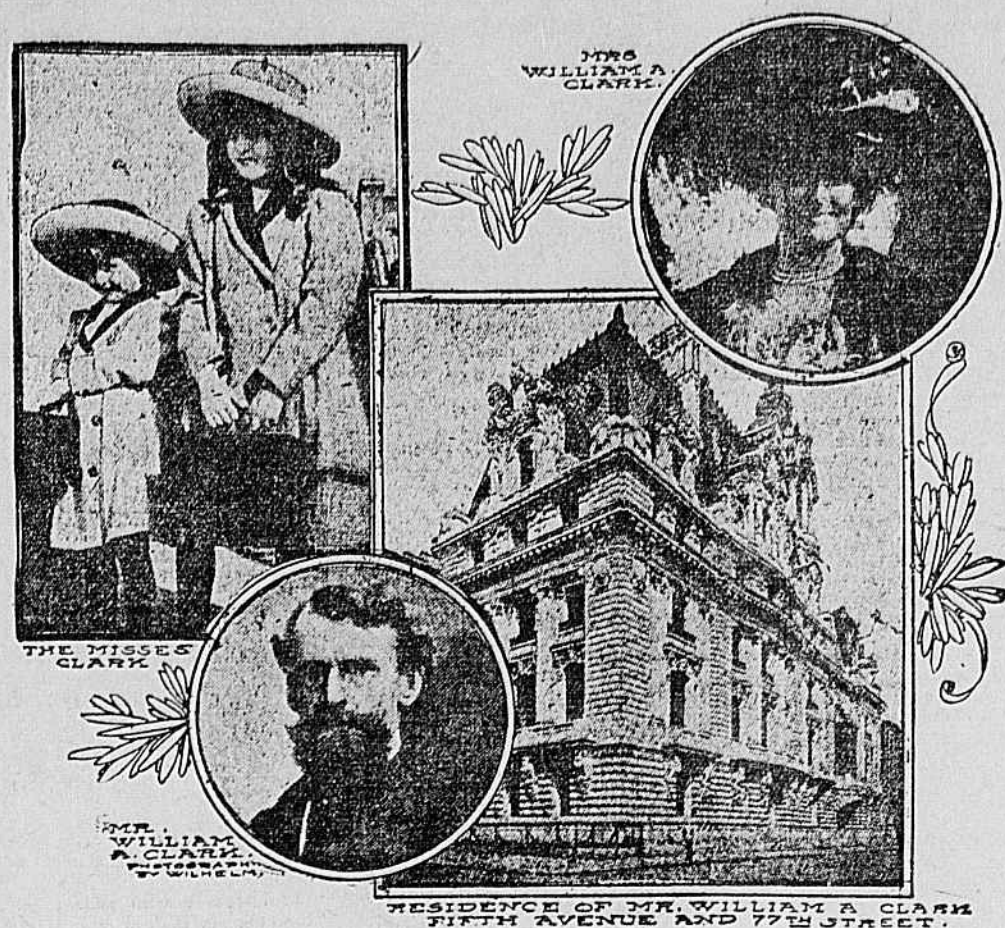


## SENATOR CLARK'S FINE HOME IS COMPLETED

RESIDENCE OF MR. WILLIAM A. CLARK  
FIFTH AVENUE AND 77th STREET.

New York, December 19.—That wondrous mansion of stone, marble and bronze at Fifth Avenue and Seventy-seventh street, which was built by Mr. William A. Clark, until recently United States Senator from Montana, at a cost of more than \$7,000,000, has been completed. Within a few weeks, it was learned yesterday, the Senator and his family will move into their new home. Mrs. Clark and their two children, Andrew, seven years old, and Huguette, four years old, will leave Paris in a few days to be present at the house warming.

Senator Clark's residence has been under construction for nearly eight years, and it is said to be the costliest American home ever constructed. The mansion is placed on the last block of this year at a taxable valuation of \$3,500,000. The annual taxes on the massive structure will be \$90,000 a year, or nearly \$200 a day. Furnishings and decorations have been procured for the new mansion at a cost of millions of dollars, and practically all of these have been installed.

Among the decorations are Fortuny's "The Choice of a Model," which cost Senator Clark \$42,000, and tapestries worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. Some of these once belonged to the consort of Queen Isabella II, of Spain, having cost \$100,000. Antique Persian and Chinese rugs were obtained by Senator Clark for \$250,000. Many of these, it is said, were made in the sixteenth and seventeenth cen-

turies by Persians for the Italian nobility.

## Is a Castle of Bronze.

Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, once referred to this mansion, which contains 121 rooms, as the "biggest, brightest and brassest of all American castles." No building in the world, according to experts who have inspected the interior, carries so much bronze as has been worked into this mansion. The grand staircase is of bronze and its bronze entrance doors, cast solid, are numerous. The conservatory, last project of the seventy-seventh street side of the home contains 300,000 pounds of the metal. Even the door locks and heat radiator gratings in the walls have been wrought of bronze.

Although the highest priced architects and decorators in the country were employed by the owner of this modern palace, Senator Clark himself designed much of the interior as well as exterior of the mansion. He often could not agree with the plans of the experts, and figured out his own designs.

Adjoining Senator Clark's bed-room is a library taken from a French chateau. The ceiling and woodwork are of carved mahogany, and the carter's signature bears the date of 1523. Mrs. Clark's suite is one of the most beautiful in the house. It overlooks Central Park, and was designed by Senator Clark himself. Her parlor is of panels, satinwood, from Ceylon, yellowish white, with lustre, exquisitely carved with flowers in the style made popular by Louis XVI. The boudoir is in bird's-eye maple, with satinwood

carved panels; the breakfast-room and reception-room of the suite are in plain mahogany paneling, while the bedroom is in Circassian walnut, carved.

For the Chinese room, which will be used for lounging and for dinners to Oriental guests, Senator Clark has reproduced a room of the Imperial Palace at Peking. The decorations of the interior are of five styles, Louis XIV, Louis XV, Louis XVI, predominate, giving a buoyant piquancy of effect. The billiard-room is Gothic. The most elaborate room is the dining-room.

## Features of the Interior.

In the mansion there will be thirty-one bathtubs, one of the largest pipe organs in the world, which was installed at a cost of \$200,000; \$2,000,000 worth of pictures; \$500,000 worth of rugs, 500 tons of copper and bronze and four picture galleries.

Among the sculptors who did the bronze decorations for Senator Clark were St. Gaudens, Paul Bartlett, D. C. French, George Gray Barnard, J. Q. A. Ward, R. Hinton Perry and Alice Cooper. Hundreds of artists and skilled workmen have toiled for eight years in arranging this modern palace, and Senator Clark desired it should be arranged.

Mrs. Clark and her two daughters came over from Paris last July. She spent the summer in Butte, Mont., and only recently returned to Paris. Senator Clark returned from Montana on Saturday and is at the hotel Majestic. He will leave shortly after the holidays, it is said, for Paris. The family will occupy the Fifth Avenue mansion before the end of January.

## PLAN BIG CONVENTION HERE FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

Supervisors of Counties Between Richmond and Gordonsville With Mayors of Gordonsville and Charlottesville, Will Be Invited to Attend Meeting as Guests of Richmond Automobile Club. Brunswick Man Offers Plan—Direct Route to Washington Considered.

It was an earnest, far-seeing body of men which gathered at the meeting of the Richmond Automobile Club at the Richmond Hotel last night, a body of men with a purpose in mind and determined to see this purpose culminate in success achieved. Good roads was the slogan and so true rang the words of the several speakers on the subject, and so many were the many plans offered that it is not stretching a single point to say that the Richmond Automobile Club will accomplish the purpose for which the meeting was called. A direct road from Richmond to Washington; better roads from Richmond to the North Carolina line; perfecting the roadway from Richmond to Gordonsville—these were the paramount issues, and each was met squarely and forcibly and in a manner which augurs well for ultimate success. "Bring the highway to the door, and we want," were the opening words of John C. Easley, who represented the Chamber of Commerce special committee, which is also considering the question of a direct Washington to Richmond road, and every man present realized the importance of "bringing the people in."

Short Route to Washington. The Washington direct and short

## CONSTIPATION

MAY BE PERMANENTLY OVERCOME BY PROPER PERSONAL EFFORTS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ONE TRULY BENEFICIAL LAXATIVE—SYRUP OF FIGS AND ELIXIR OF SENNA, WHICH ENABLES ONE TO FORM REGULAR HABITS DAILY, SO THAT ASSISTANCE TO NATURE MAY BE GRADUALLY DISPENSED WITH WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED, AS THE BEST OF REMEDIES, WHEN REQUIRED, ARE TO ASSIST NATURE AND NOT TO SUPPLANT THE NATURAL FUNCTIONS, WHICH MUST DEPEND ULTIMATELY UPON PROPER NOURISHMENT, PROPER EFFORTS AND RIGHT LIVING GENERALLY.

TO GET ITS BENEFICIAL EFFECTS ALWAYS BUY THE GENUINE, SYRUP OF FIGS AND ELIXIR OF SENNA MANUFACTURED BY THE CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. FOR SALE BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS ONE SIZE ONLY. PRICE 50¢ A BOTTLE

route was the first question under consideration. When this point in the proceedings had been reached Mr. Easley addressed the members on the importance of building a road which would be not only a credit to the State, but would save valuable time between capital of the nation and the capital of the Old Dominion. "The merchants are in earnest on this matter," he said. "They want this road. The man who wants to reach Washington or Richmond wants to make the trip quickly and safely. But aside from the value of the road as a motor route, it is up to us to point out how valuable it is to the people who live along the line."

"We must tell them the fact that such a highway will lessen their burdens of taxation by increasing the taxable values. We must show them that such a highway is an asset so-called to none but a detriment to others. It is all right for us to go to the Virginia Legislature and ask them to help us. But the right way to begin is to help ourselves."

## Half Through Means, Battle Won.

"We have this road from here to Fredericksburg we are practically half through. Then is the time to go to our representatives and ask their aid. We can show them what we have done, and then ask them to help us complete the work. I am sure that if we go to the supervisors of the several counties through which we will have to pass and show them what we want, we can get it. I have spoken to Supervisor Saunders, of Henrico, and he informs me that he will help both in Henrico and in Hanover."

With this organization and the Chamber of Commerce working together, I am firmly of the opinion that the road can be built. I am here as the representative of the Chamber of Commerce committee of which S. T. Beveridge is chairman and I ask you gentlemen to name a committee to work with us and co-operate in securing this great and valuable highway. It will advertise Richmond, will bring people here who don't know what we have got, and will aid the people along whose property the road passes."

Will Help Gordonsville Road. Without further discussion the matter was referred to the good roads committee, with instructions to confer and act with the committee from the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. R. Angus Nicholas, chairman of the good roads committee, informed Mr. Easley that the committee would be ready for work before the first of January. A motion was then made that the supervisors of the roads from Richmond to Gordonsville, and the Mayors

of Gordonsville and Charlottesville be invited to come to Richmond at a date to be later determined upon, for the purpose of attending a good roads convention in this city, the delegates to be the guests of the Richmond Automobile Club and to be entertained with a banquet while here. In addition, it was provided in the motion that if the weather permitted the return trip should be made in automobiles.

## Gould May Give \$100,000.

It was pointed out that the people living in the several counties between here and Gordonsville, and through which the road runs, were alive to the question of good roads and deeply interested and willing to help. Should the effort to get the supervisors to attend the convention be successful plans will be discussed and an effort be made to have work begun at once. The motion was carried unanimously, and Messrs. Potts, Folger and Foster, together with the president and secretary of the club, were named a committee to complete the details of the convention, with power to act. A call for subscriptions for the entertainment of the visitors met with a hearty response, and nearly \$200 was raised from among the members present.

As to the Washington road via Fredericksburg, it was stated that the road runs, were alive to the question of good roads and deeply interested and willing to help. Should the effort to get the supervisors to attend the convention be successful plans will be discussed and an effort be made to have work begun at once. The motion was carried unanimously, and Messrs. Potts, Folger and Foster, together with the president and secretary of the club, were named a committee to complete the details of the convention, with power to act. A call for subscriptions for the entertainment of the visitors met with a hearty response, and nearly \$200 was raised from among the members present.

Want Road Through Brunswick. A letter was read from G. A. Saunders, of Forksville, Va., inviting the club to have its through road south pass through the counties of Brunswick and Mecklenburg, and guaranteeing to raise, with the aid of a friend, the sum of \$200 per mile of road for improvement. Mr. Saunders in his letter related that the road through these counties was by far the better way to the Carolina line and to Raleigh, adding that the old Petersburg and Boydton plank road could be converted into a splendid roadway for motors at very small cost. It is thought by Mr. Saunders that with the \$200 raised by himself and friend, and with the State aid, and with what the counties will offer, the road can be speedily put in the very best shape.

After Mr. Saunders' letter had been read the good roads committee was in-

## Richmond Housewives Here IS Butter

When you go to your grocer's to-day, to-morrow, or any other time, order a package of Meadow



Gold Butter—the tasty butter with only the butter taste—churned from pasteurized cream—made into Meadow Gold Butter in a creamery as bright and sunshiny as a baby's smile—solid butter with the water worked out—butter a mere taste of which will make your mouth water.

Meadow Gold is packed in a butter-colored package—dust-tight—odor-proof—keeps in butter fragrance—keeps out the taint—keeps the butter.

Sold by all dealers who are butter particular.



SCOTT & WILKINS, Wholesale Distributors, 1311 East Cary St., Richmond, Va.

structed to write to him, offering the co-operation of the club.

## Prospects Never Brighter.

Prospects are indeed bright for better roads. Enthusiasm runs high. It is thought that the time for deeds has actually arrived and that a great highway from Washington through Richmond to the North Carolina line will soon be a reality. The Richmond Automobile Club is determined to wipe out the stigma now attaching to Virginia because of the 120 miles of poor road charged against the Old Dominion out of a total of 170 miles between Washington and Jacksonville.

It is no longer a question of whether the work will be done, but how soon it can be done. The merchants are a unit on the question. The Chamber of Commerce is ready to give its aid and backing to any undertaking the club may begin. The people along the line of the road are fully awakened to its value and to what it means to the State. The work of education has told, and everybody is pulling together for the final achievement of what has long been a dream only.

## Move Into New Quarters.

The club will shortly move into its new quarters at the Gordon Motor Company's new garage. Handsome furniture will be purchased, and the initial meeting will be the scene of a banquet, at which Governor Mann, State Highway Commissioner Wilson and Mayor Richardson will deliver talks on good roads. It is hoped that the proposed good roads convention can be arranged at the same time.

The club is now flourishing. Ten new members were elected at the meeting last night and ten at the previous meeting. An active campaign is now on for additional members. The total number of members has reached 181, and it is hoped that the 200 mark will be passed shortly. It was decided last night that 10 per cent. of the gross receipts of the club be set aside as a sinking fund. Other business of a routine character was attended to, and after which the meeting adjourned, and a luncheon was served in the dining-room of the Richmond. Sam T. Atkinson, a member of the club and manager of the hotel, was tendered a vote of thanks for his kindness during the time the club has met at the Richmond.

## GOING TO ATLANTA

Woodrow Wilson Promises to Address Commercial Congress.

Washington, D. C., December 19.—Governor-Elect Woodrow Wilson notified the Southern Commercial Congress to-day that he would be present in Atlanta March 16 to address the closing session of the Congress, "unless complications may arise because of a threatened struggle over the United States senatorship from New Jersey." The keynote of the three sessions will be "the obligation of the executive committee means the obligation of the man of the South to comprehend the opportunities and resources of his community and State, so that he may aid in strengthening the nation."

## FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED.

Cars Piled on Track Delay Traffic for Several Hours.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—An Amelia, Va., December 19.—The northbound freight train, passing here about 10 A. M. to-day, was wrecked between this point and Chula, about twelve or fourteen freight cars leaving the track and piling up on each other. It is reported that the fireman had his leg broken. Passenger train No. 120, northbound, was stopped here at 11:30 A. M. and its passengers were unloaded and required to wait till train No. 8 arrived here, at about 1:15 P. M. This train took all passengers to the wreck, where transfers were made around the wreck. The southbound passengers coming out from Richmond on train No. 13 at 10:45 A. M. making a delay of over three hours each way. Trains Nos. 119 and 120 transferred passengers later, with about an hour's delay. A large force of men at work clearing away the wreckage.

## Only a Few Days Remain in Which to Make Your Final Presents

There are probably a number of presents you have not yet selected and are racking your brains to think of something appropriate. Our magnificent stock contains such a variety there is bound to be something that will "Fill the Bill." Let us suggest the following—there are thousands of others—something for every member of your family, for every friend, every acquaintance:

Brass Desk Sets .....	\$5.00 to \$25.00	Crane's Box Paper .....	.50 to \$10.00
Art and Craft Ware .....		Waterman's Fountain Pens .....	\$2.50 to \$35.00
Novelties .....	\$5.00 to \$25.00	Gents' Bill Rolls .....	.50 to \$7.50
Brass Inkstands .....	\$2.50 to \$15.00	Christmas Cards .....	.05 to \$1.00
Wood Craft Calendars .....	.10 to \$5.00	Framed Mission Pictures .....	.10 to \$3.50
Children's Pencil Boxes, assorted .....	.25 to \$1.00	Ladies' Card Cases .....	.50 to \$5.00
Desk Portfolios .....	\$1.50 to \$7.50	Bridge Sets .....	\$1.25 to \$8.50
Jewelry Cases .....	.75 to \$17.50	Brass Book Racks .....	\$1.75 to \$10.00
Desk Pads .....	.75 to \$5.00	Gents' Wallets .....	.50 to \$10.00
Stationery Novelties .....	.50 to \$5.00	Gift Books .....	.50 to \$1.25
Waste Baskets .....	.50 to \$3.50		
Brass Novelties .....	.25 to \$5.00		
Address Books .....	.25 to \$2.50		
Smoking Sets .....	.50 to \$6.00		

A complete line of Dennison's Holiday Specialties, Labels, Stickers, Cards, Bells, Garlands, Tape Tissue Paper, Holly Wrapping Paper, Crepe Paper.

Do not delay your Engraving order. PLACE IT NOW! WE DELIVER ALL ENGRAVED ORDERS THE DATE PROMISED.

## Virginia Stationery Co., Inc.

SAM ISEMAN, President and General Manager.

The Richmond Home of the Waterman Ideal Fountain Pen. 915 East Main Street. Three Doors Below Mutual Bldg. American Red Cross Stamps for sale.

## FINAL DAYS WILL BE EPOCH-MAKING

History to Be Written in What Remains of Present Congress.

## DEMOCRATS ARE ACTIVE

At Coming Caucuses They May Pick Presidential Timber.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, D. C., December 19.—When the gavel of Speaker Cannon, in the House, and Vice-President Sherman, in the Senate, fall for the last time before the Christmas holidays, and the members of both bodies begin their journeys homeward, they doubtless will realize that though little of importance has transpired here since the session began on December 5, that the next two months—or until the end comes on March 4—will be epoch-making days. The reason for such a statement is the fact that the Democratic caucus to be held January 19 undoubtedly will settle in a way the question of who is to be used as presidential timber two years hence. The caucus will bring together not only the Democratic members who already are serving in Congress, but those who are to begin their terms next December will gather with the older legislators.

It is a settled belief, therefore, that the opportunity will be seized upon while so many Democrats are in session together for the party's good practice to pick the presidential material for next time.

One thing has already been clearly developed, and that is if the members of the present Congress hope to pull all the good offices their way and secure the best committee places, too, that they will incur the enmity of the new members who are to come in from New York and other States, where the former Republican majorities have been or will be succeeded by Democratic ones in the House.

Members returning home will ponder over the question of whether, after all, an extra session may not be necessary. There are not a few who hold to the belief that President Taft has given rush orders and that it is his hope to have the regular appropriation bills out of the way at the earliest moment, so that if an extra session is called its work may be completed just that much sooner. Ohio Democrats said to-day that they believed an extra session would be held.

While those majority members who were defeated have so far been conspicuous by their absence from the sessions of the House so far, they probably will get in line with the more fortunate colleagues after the holidays and prepare to "come back" should the Republicans again get control.

P. H. McG.

## Richardson—Watts.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Lynchburg, Va., December 19.—A pretty home marriage was celebrated Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Watts, 1408 Pansy Street, when their daughter, Miss Ruth Scott, was married to William H. Richardson, of Amherst county. The celebrant was the Rev. C. E. M. Blankenship, pastor of the Methodist Church at Amherst Courthouse. After their bridal trip to Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson will reside in Amherst county.

## Annual Sermon to J. R. O. U. A. M.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Lynchburg, Va., December 19.—The annual sermon to the Red Cross Council, J. R. O. U. A. M., was preached Sunday morning at the Methodist Protestant Church, by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Comphere. About sixty of the members of the council attended the service.

## BREAKS UP BOXING MATCH.

Minister Causes Arrest of Langford, Armstrong and Others. Schenectady, N. Y., December 19.—In an endeavor to stop a ten-round fight between Jack (Twin) Sullivan and Herby Flynn of Boston, here to-night before the American Athletic Club, Sam Langford, Bob Armstrong, Matchmaker Jake Carey and Flynn were arrested before the bout started on warrants sworn out, it is said, by Rev. George R. Lunn, pastor of a local church and editor of a Socialist Newspaper. Sullivan left the city before he could be arrested.

The four men arrested were charged with violation of a section of the penal code for aiding, abetting and encouraging a prize fight or sparring match, to which admission is charged, directly or indirectly. Membership cards were sold at the door. Carey was subsequently admitted in \$500 bail, and the three others in \$250. It was hoped that the principals for the main event could be ready to go on, but the end of the third preliminary it was announced that as Sullivan had left the city there could be no fight.

## Announcements by Johnson.

Chicago, Ill., December 19.—B. B. Johnson, of the American Baseball League, to-day announced the purchase of H. Hart by Cleveland from Montgomery, the signing of a contract by T. Madden with Boston; the release of J. J. Clarke by Cleveland to St. Louis, and the release of A. Griggs by St. Louis to Cleveland.

## Michael Hanon Dead.

New Castle, Pa., December 13.—Michael Hanon, manager of the famous "Neshannock" baseball team, of this city, that in 1876 defeated all the baseball teams of the country, died at his home here to-day of locomotor ataxia.

## Opening of Southern Field Trials.

Montgomery, Ala., December 19.—Nineteen dogs ran in the opening derby in the Southern field trials at Leitchfield, near here, to-day. Birds are more plentiful than last year, when the contestants were scanty. There are about sixty dogs on the field and nearly as many handlers. The judges are: Nat Smith, of Nebraska; Dr. Leigh Buckner, of Roanoke, Va.; Leo Moody, of Bessemer, Ala.

## TRACK WALKER KILLED.

Falls from Viaduct Forty-Five Feet High and Neck Is Broken. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Alexandria, Va., December 19.—Bernard Murphy, thirty-eight years old, a track walker, at 9 o'clock last night fell from a viaduct forty-five feet high, located between Barker's Station and Springfield, Fairfax county, and was killed instantly. Murphy's neck was broken. He was walking from Barker's Station to Springfield, where he lived, when it is supposed he attempted to get out of the way of an approaching train and fell. The body was found late this afternoon and brought here. He was a brother of Martin Murphy, of this city, roadmaster of the Southern Railway here.

## YOUNG GIRL ENDS LIFE.

Disappointment in Love Cause of Corrie Smith's Suicide. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Bristol, Va., December 19.—"I am going away, perhaps, never to return," are the words uttered by a young man who is said to have been a sweet heart of Corrie Smith, the seventeen-year-old daughter of a widow here, and to-day following her suicide by morphine the trail body of the girl was taken to the former home of the family at Hopewell, Va., to be buried beside the grave of her father. She lingered in an unconscious state for days before the affair was made public. In her dying hour consciousness returned and she admitted taking the drug, her last words being, "O, I was in so much trouble, I couldn't bear it."

Don't Fail to cut out the Free Sweetheart Soap Coupon IN NEXT SUNDAY'S TIMES-DISPATCH